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DATE: June 28, 2010

TO: Chair and Members of the Formation Commission

FROM: Kate McKenna, AICP, Executive Officer

**SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSIONS -- LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES REPORT**

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Commission accept this report for information only; no action is required at this time.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT:

This report provides information on CALAFCO's current legislative activities.

Current Legislation

Attachment 1 is the most recent report to the CALAFCO Legislative on the status of current legislation that CALAFCO supports or that affects LAFCOs.

Attachment 2 is a June 9 letter from CALAFCO Executive Director Bill Chiat to State Assembly Member Juan Arambula expressing CALAFCO's opposition to AB 853. This legislation would provide an expedited process for cities to annex economically disadvantaged communities. Recent amendments to this bill significantly change the legislation and have raised significant concerns. The letter cautions that the legislation: 1) could cause sprawl; 2) places a major new unfunded mandate on LAFCO to adopt comprehensive plans to address infrastructure deficiencies; 3) ignores the role played by Special Districts in providing services; and 4) provides no direction as to when or how the legislation would be implemented.

Williamson Act

Attachment 3 is a June 9 letter from CALAFCO Executive Director Bill Chiat urging the Governor to fully fund Williamson Act subventions in the 2010-2011 State Budget. This letter was sent on the behalf of the CALAFCO Board of Directors.

No Commission action on these items is required at this time.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kate McKenna, AICP
Executive Officer

Attachments:

1. Memorandum to CALAFCO Legislative Committee, Re: Current Legislation, June 11, 2010.
2. Letter from William Chiat, CALAFCO Executive Director, to Assembly Member Juan Arambula, Re: Opposition to AB 853, June 9, 2010.
3. Letter from William Chiat, CALAFCO Executive Director, to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, Re: Funding of Williamson Act Subventions, June 14, 2010.